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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ
كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ²

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by abiding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we attain the blessings (*barakah*) of life in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ al-Baqarah 2:183

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



The *khutbah* today is titled **“RAMADAAN: TREMENDOUS REWARD AWAITS US.”**

Respected Muslims,

We are at the brink of Ramadaan, a month that is full of *rahmah* (mercy) and *barakah*. Let us take this very special opportunity to reap tremendous rewards offered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

أَتَاكُمْ رَمَضَانُ شَهْرٌ مُبَارَكٌ فَرَضَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلَيْكُمْ
صِيَامَهُ تُفْتَحُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ وَتُغْلَقُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ
وَتُغْلَقُ فِيهِ مَرَدَّةُ الشَّيَاطِينِ لِلَّهِ فِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ
مَنْ حُرِمَ خَيْرَهَا فَقَدْ حُرِمَ.

“There has come to you Ramadaan, a blessed month, which Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, has enjoined you to fast. In it the gates of heavens are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and every devil is chained up. In it Allah has a night which is better than a thousand months; whoever is deprived of its goodness is indeed deprived.”

(Ahmad and an-Nasaa’i)

Similarly in the *hadeeth* of Salman al-Faarisi *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, who mentioned that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم addressed them on the last day of Sha’baan and said:



“O People, there has come to you a great and blessed month, a month in which there is a night that is better than a thousand months. Allah has made fasting (this month) an obligation and spending its nights in prayer an act of voluntary worship. Whoever draws near to Allah during this month by doing some good deeds is like one who does an obligatory action at any other time, and the one who does an obligatory action during this month is like one who does seventy obligatory actions at any other times.”

(ibn Khuzaymah)

Both of these *hadeeth* are sufficient for us to comprehend how great are the rewards promised to us. We will attain the *rahmah* of Allah, our sins forgiven, our *du'aa* (supplication) accepted, our deeds multiplied, and many more. This is even further intensified for *'ibaadah* (worship) performed in the last ten nights of Ramadaan.

Dear noble Muslims,

Indeed, the objective of fasting is not only to restrain oneself from eating and drinking during the day, but to teach us self-discipline and nurture us unto having the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Among them is training the heart to always remain sincere (*ikhlaas*), guarding the eyes by only looking at matters that are *ma'roof* (good) and refraining from gazes that can lead to *munkar* (evil) and disobedience, preventing the ears from listening to speeches that are prohibited by the *shara'*, observing the stomach from consuming food that are *haraam* (unlawful) and *shubuhah* (doubtful), safeguarding the tongue from speaking about matters relating to lies and slander.



Fasting also intends to teach us to indulge in charity for handsome reward awaits those that love to give *sadaqah* (charity) by offering *iftar* (breaking the fast) meals. However, at the same time, let us not fall into wastefulness that a plethora of food are thrown away throughout the month of Ramadaan. Let us become slaves of Allah that prioritize upon moderation and not go overboard in the preparation of food in Ramadaan.

Hence, let us celebrate this month of *barakah* with great determination to attain nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Aside from performing the daily prayers in *jamaa'ah* (congregation) at its earliest time, we should fill our Ramadaan nights with the *taraweeh* supererogatory prayer, *i'tikaaf* (seclusion) inside the masjid, giving *sadaqah*, increase in our *dhikr* and *du'aa*, recitation (*tilaawah*) of al-Qur'an, and other *sunnah* acts.

Rasulullah ﷺ had mentioned the greatness of the reward in the recitation of al-Qur'an, which will appear with its *shafaa'ah* (intercession) for its reciter in the Hereafter. Abu Umaamah al-Baahiliy narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِقْرَأُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شَفِيعًا لِأَصْحَابِهِ

“Recite the Qur’an, for on the Day of Resurrection it will come as an intercessor for those who recite it.”

(Muslim)

When the month of Ramadaan arrives, Sayyidina ‘Umar al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* would often mention “Welcome O Ramadaan, a month that cleanses us, everything becomes good due to Ramadaan, fasting during the day becomes good, waking up in the night for prayer becomes



good, and *sadaqah* in this month is equivalent to spending from one's wealth for *jihad fee sabeelillaah*.

Respected Muslims,

Before we celebrate the arrival of a month that is full of *barakah*, it is befitting that we revise our knowledge regarding the *'ibaadah* of fasting and practices that have been ordained, pleading for forgiveness and making *tawbah* (repentance) to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that we enter the month of Ramadaan on a clean slate, with a soul that is pure and cleansed, externally and internally. Let us beseech and pray to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with great hope that all of our fasting and *'ibaadah* will be accepted by Him *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم gave us a great reminder, stating:

"Many people who fast get nothing from their fast except hunger and thirst."

(ibn Maajah)

Dear beloved audience,

To end this *khutbah*, let us ponder and derive lessons from the following recommendations:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the *'ibaadah* of fasting in Ramadaan is a command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is *waajib* (obligatory) to be fulfilled.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain *istiqamah* (steadfast) and do not stop from engaging in *'ibaadah* throughout Ramadaan, from its beginning until the final ten nights.



3. The Muslim *ummah* must always perform *tawbah*, regretting upon all of the sins committed, abiding by the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and abstaining from all of His prohibitions.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّمَا التَّوْبَةُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لِلَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السُّوءَ بِجَهْلَةٍ ثُمَّ يَتُوبُونَ مِنْ
قَرِيبٍ فَأُولَئِكَ يَتُوبُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ﴿١٧﴾

"The repentance accepted by Allah is only for those who do wrong in ignorance [or carelessness] and then repent soon after. It is those to whom Allah will turn in forgiveness, and Allah is ever Knowing and Wise."

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:17)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا
فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ،
إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ
الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَايَ
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ



وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِزَّ الْاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَاَهْلِكَ
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنٰى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمٰى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُوْر، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُوْمِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعْكُوْ اَمِيْرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous



Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.